

Questions and Answers

It is my understanding that under NRS 427A.797, any program providing services using TDD surcharge funds must be approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. That being the case, is ADSD considered the 'program providing services', or would this be an additional approval process step for the agency(cies) awarded the program from ADSD? If additionally required for the grantee, what type of time lag might there be before the grantee could be up and running after notification?

ADSD is not the program providing services. The services are granted out; and there will not be an additional approval process for the grantees through the PUC. Any approvals regarding the budget and program priorities and services will be negotiated and approved through ADSD. These negotiations should take place in June and the grantee would have funds available in July, 2016.

Equipment – Is the intent of the program that there be a transition of existing inventory from the current provider to any new provider, or is the age/condition of the current inventory such that we should be looking at all new equipment?

We would expect grantees that have existing new inventory to be provided to the new grantee. Equipment which might be obviously outdated or damaged can be recycled or donated.

Equipment – are there any pre-set specifications/limitations as to the types of equipment we must offer, or are we allowed to outline the program and equipment around our program goals?

Certain types of equipment should be offered such as CapTel phones, amplified phones, and other traditionally distributed equipment, however with the passage of AB 200 the scope is expanded and other assistive technologies should be added to what is currently distributed. ADSD is seeking innovative partnerships and look forward to further defining the specifics once an award is given.

QUESTIONS FROM RFP ORIENTATION

Is the RFP for a main grantee only or are sub-grantees allowed?

Sub-grantees are allowed if the services provided are in line with specifications in the RFP. Working with sub-grantees would be considered a collaborative partnership. See p. 8 "Collaborative Partnerships" in the RFP.

How will furniture and other equipment from previous grantees be considered?

ADSD can allow for startup costs. Grantees should evaluate their need and submit estimated costs for those needs in their initial application. This would include equipment and computers.

Can the time be extended past April 13th for RFP responses?

Due to the project start date, and the RFP timeline, we are not able to extend the time.

Can we consider smart phones and other technology in the distribution program?

Proposals will be evaluated for innovative solutions and ideas. Assistive technologies and new technologies should be considered. ADSD is seeking innovative partners for the telecommunications equipment and the assistive technology distribution. With smart phones, the concern is that surcharge funds should not pay for the individuals' contracts. Some states have a voucher program, however providers must agree to participate and accept the voucher.

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